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SUBJECT: SOVIETS REPLAY FOREIGN COMMENT ON PRC

MILITARY SHAKEUP

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SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET ORIGINATED MAJOR COMMENT ON RE-SHUFFLE OF CHINESE MILITARY COMMANDERS, BUT HAVE INDICATED THEIR STRONG INTEREST BY PROVIDING A BROAD SAMPLING OF FOREIGN COMMENT IN PRAVDA JAN 4.

INITIAL REPORT OF COMMAND SHIFTS WAS TASS DESPATCH FROM PEKING PUBLISHED JAN 3, WHICH OUTLINED MAJOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND PORTRAYED SHIFTS AS TAKING PLACE IN ATMOSPHERE OF SHARPENING STRUGGLE AMONG VARIOUS GROUPS IN CHINESE LEADERSHIP. WRAP-UP OF FOREIGN OPINION JAN 4 GOES A STEP BEYOND THIS IN

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REFERRING TO WESTERN ANALYSES OF MOVES IN CONTEXT OF

"POWER STRUGGLE". LINK TO ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN IS
ALSO MENTIONED. KEY CONCLUSION OF THIS DISTILLATION
OF FOREIGN OPINION IS THAT CHINESE RULING CIRCLES
RACKED BY INSTABILITY.SOMMERLATTE

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